

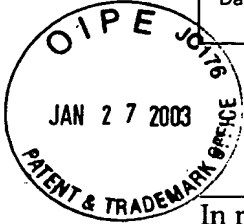
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This Information Disclosure Statement is in response to the Examiner's request to make all art cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,016,740 of record in its present application which is a reissue application based on the '740 patent.

A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached.

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